

COMMUNITY NEWS



Spring is just around the corner and lighter evenings are on their way with the clocks going forward on 29 March as British Summer Time theoretically begins. The snowdrops have already sprung up with the daffodils and other bulbs starting to poke their way through the ground and with buds appearing on the trees and bushes, it will soon all be green again. An ideal time to join the Big Tidy Up! What about investigating the Young people's forum too, see page 2 for details?

At the Mothering Sunday service at 11 am on 15 March, all the Mothers, Guardians and Grandmothers will be the lucky recipients of celebration posies. Good Friday this year falls on 3 April, Easter Monday on 6 April, and don't forget the annual Sunflowers and Wexcombe Egg Hunts. The season opens on 4 April for both the Wilton Windmill and Crofton Beam engines. Please note that the mobile library dates and times are on page 4 this month.

Spring? Then it must be time for ...



The Big Tidy Up - our annual litter pick in and around each parish village to help keep us all looking lovely.

You are all very welcome - please bring a sturdy pair of gloves - we'll provide everything else.

Saturday 21 March, 2.30pm at village meeting points

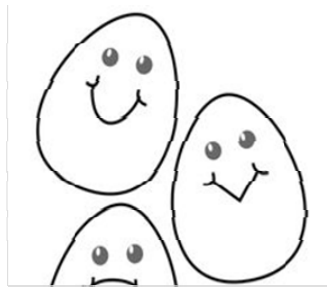
East Grafton – Sunflowers at Grafton

Wilton – opposite the duck pond

Wexcombe, Marten and West Grafton – by the parish notice boards

Easter Egg Hunt
and eggy fun and games

Easter Monday, 6 April
10.30am to 12pm
Sunflowers at Grafton



Grafton and District Horticultural Society

On Wednesday 18 March 2015 the Grafton and District Horticultural Society will start its programme for this year with the AGM followed by a lecture on PRUNING SHRUBS AND TREES by Ray Broughton, who is one of our favourite speakers. This will be a practical session and should be extremely useful at this time of year.

Our programme consists of 4 evening lectures and 4 outings in private cars to visit private gardens within an hour's drive from Grafton gathering for lunch beforehand near the garden to be visited. In July we visit a local garden in the evening followed by our Summer Buffet Supper in the Hall and we finish our year with our Christmas party.

Our meetings are always on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. If this sounds good to you, why not come along on the 18th. You will be most welcome.

Marijke Craig Chairman GDHS



EASTER LILIES

For many of us, Easter is a time for remembrance and reflection, if you would like to commemorate the life of a friend or loved one, what better way than to buy a lily in their name to be included in the Easter floral decorations in the Church of St Nicholas at East Grafton. These cost £2.50 each.

If you would like to buy a Lily, please contact:-

Elizabeth Hosier **01264 731242**

Millie Lemon **01672 870266**

Patricia Knowles **01672 810072**

This year, Easter Sunday falls on April 5th. Please come and enjoy the Church Service at 11 am on that day.

Children's Easter Garden & Cross

All children are welcome at St Nicholas' Church on Saturday 4 April at 10.30am to create the Easter Garden and Easter Cross. Squash and biscuits will be provided.

Back for another year by popular demand.....

Wexcombe Egg Hunt & Afternoon Tea

Saturday 11 April

3pm start at Wexcombe Farm

Can you find 50 painted eggs hidden on the Downs?

Entrance is £6.50 per child and includes Tea and a prize

Proceeds go to the Church appeal & Elephant conservation charity

R.S.V.P laraonline2000@hotmail.com by 28 March to book your place (late bookings may not be able to be accommodated)

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WINTER WARMER PARISH LUNCH
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Wednesday 15 April at 12.30pm

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and includes a glass of wine or beer

To book, and any questions or dietary requirements
call Liz Hosier on 01264 731242

If you would like a lift to the hall phone:

Ronnie Pearson 01672 811997

or Jenny Hatfield 01264 731415

ST GEORGE'S DAY CELEBRATION SUPPER

Thursday 23 April 7.30pm at the Coronation Hall

TICKETS £20.00 each to include: A St George's Day Cocktail on arrival

Roast Wexcombe Beef with all the trimmings

followed by Apple Pie and Custard or a good English Sherry Trifle!

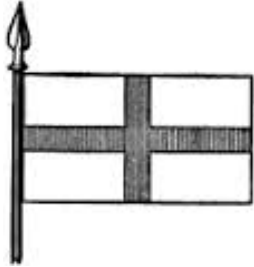
All the money raised to go towards the Church Roof Repairs.

Tickets available from: Millie Lemon **01672 870266**

Liz Hosier **01264 731242**

Sally Butt **01672 810743**

Emma Butler **01672 811619**



Young people's forum

Activities for young people in our Parish
up to 19 years of age

Karen Brown, Pewsey area Community Youth Officer, would like to hear your ideas and to help to make them happen.

Young people, and parents of course, are invited to come to the Coronation Hall on Wednesday 25 March at 19.30hrs for an informal discussion.

Contact karen.brown@wiltshire.gov.uk or **07795 665756** or news@graftonparish.com

News will be posted on www.graftonparish.com

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Contact: Mark Chick/
Simon Walker

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Defibrillator training and basic life support

After a spectacular turn out of over 60 people at our last training session in the Autumn, we are looking to put on another session late March or Early April (after Easter).

If you have never attended one of these sessions, this is a great opportunity to learn some Life Saving skills, if you have been on one before, a great opportunity to refresh your knowledge.

Please email me kmarshall@nhs.net or phone the Bedwyn surgery **01672 870388** to have your name added to the waiting list and as soon as we have a confirmed date we will let everyone know.

It is likely to be a Wednesday or Thursday Evening. I look forward to hearing from lots of you over the next few weeks. Keith Marshall- Practice Manager



Crofton Beam Engine dates

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News In Brief

Getting Online - Digital Volunteers Needed

Wiltshire Council is looking for people to join their team of volunteers, known as Digital Champions. The team works with people of all ages on a one-to-one basis with individuals or groups, to give them confidence in using computers, relevant to them and their lifestyle. It could be from helping people use Skype to keep in touch with their family, checking details of local events or organising a weekly delivery of food from their grocery shop. If you would like to learn more or join the team, please call **01225 713329** for further information or go to www.wiltshireonline.org/index.php/volunteering

Garden Waste Collections

You will recall that last year Wiltshire Council asked our views on garden waste collection. Due to central government cutting the councils funding by £15M for the year 2015-2016, they are now needing to find many cost-saving solutions. Around 100 areas have been identified where these savings can be made and, unfortunately, one of these means that residents are now to be charged for collection of their garden waste (our green bins). It is thought the cost could be around £40 a year per household.

Wiltshire Car Share

Seeing the same car travelling the same way as you each day on your route to work? Have you also thought about joining up for a Car Share? Commuters across the Parish could benefit from saving fuel, parking, making new friends and helping the environment. In fact, you don't even need to have a car to join up! If you think that you could benefit from this service, take a look at <http://wiltshire.liftshare.com/>. Alternatively, if you are a business and would like to take part and receive promotion material for your workplace, email connectingwiltshire@wiltshire.gov.uk for more details.

Get Wiltshire Walking

Would you like to meet new people, find new places to walk? Groups led by trained leaders meet every week for walks of about an hour long. It doesn't matter what your fitness level is, you can select one relevant to you; it is also a great way to keep you active and motivated. If you would like to learn more and find a group local to you, visit www.wiltshire.gov.uk/wiltshirewalking

Road closures

10 March starts a 2 week period when the roads between the A338 and Wilton will be closed for resurfacing. Exact details of diversions will be sign posted on the relevant roads as normal.

The church of St Nicholas graveyard

As graveside flowers and wreaths are replaced, these are sometimes simply left in a corner of the graveyard where they pile up, become unsightly and are not easily cleared.

At the side of the church are 2 green bins for garden waste and a black bin for paper, cellophane and plastic etc. Please help to keep the area clean and tidy for all, and utilise these.

More News In Brief on page 4

Grafton Parish Council

The Parish Council would like to extend their sincere thanks to Jamie Pearson who has resigned from the council after many years of service. Jamie has been heavily involved in a number of important projects within our Parish including, amongst others, the rebuilding of the Coronation Hall, the playing fields and finance. The Council would like to express their gratitude for all Jamie's contributions to the community and wish him success in his future ventures.

If you would like to contribute to our Parish and are interested in becoming a Parish Councillor then please email clerk@graftonparish.com for information.

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Dates for your diary



All events take place in the Coronation Hall unless otherwise specified (contact details on page 4).

St N refers to St Nicholas' Church.

MARCH

15	11.00	Mothering Sunday service	St N
18	19.30	Horticultural Society AGM	
21	14.30	Big Tidy Up	various venues
22	16.00	Family Worship	St N
25	19.30	Young people's forum	
29	01.00	Clocks go forward!	
29	09.30	Palm Sunday	St Katherine's Church

APRIL

04		Season starts	Wilton Windmill
4/5/6	10.30	Beam engines in steam	Crofton
04	10.30	Easter garden & cross	St N
05	11.00	Easter Sunday service	St N
06	10.30	Easter Egg Hunt	Sunflowers
11	15.00	Easter Egg Hunt	Wexcombe Farm
12	18.00	Evensong	St N
15	12.30	Winter Warmer lunch	
19	11.00	Holy Communion	St N
23	19.30	St George's day supper	
26	16.00	Family Service	St N

MONDAY

CIRCUIT & FITNESS  09:15 to 10:15 Monday

YOGA  11:00 to 12:30 Monday

Bingo  19:00 to 20:30
Alternate Mondays

TUESDAY

 09:30 to 10:30 Tuesday

Marlborough Multiples 15:00 to 16:30
Alternate Tuesdays

YOGA  19:30 to 21:00 Tuesday

WEDNESDAY

CIRCUIT & FITNESS  09:15 to 10:15 Wednesday

 **C.A.P. Dance & Fitness**
Various classes for all ages between 15:30 and 19:00

THURSDAY

 **GRAFTON GOSLINGS**
Baby and toddler group
10:00 to 11:30 Thursday

YOGA  19:30 to 21:00 Thursday

FRIDAY

 **pilates**
by nature
09:30 to 10:30 Friday
10:45 to 11:45 Friday
Beginners and gentle work

 13:30 to 14:30 Friday

KARATE CLASS Children only 16:30 to 17:00

Useful contacts

Societies/Clubs/Organisations: 1 line free entry

Bingo	hall@graftonparish.com
Church flowers/clean	01672 810072 Patricia Knowles
Circuit/fitness Training	01672 810266 Hen Mackinnon
Community News	news@graftonparish.com
Coronation Hall	07479 281809 hall@graftonparish.com
County Councillor	01672 810285 Stuart Wheeler
Cricket Club	pack.andy@googlemail.com
Dance and Fitness	07746 479345 Charlotte Price
Grafton Goslings	graftongoslings@yahoo.co.uk
Horticultural Society	01672 810364 Marijke Craig
Karate	07775 510143 Darren Pettifer
Link Scheme	0771 7006787
Marlborough Multiples	07967 835831 Amber
Member of Parliament	01380 729358 Claire Perry
Parish Council	clerk@graftonparish.com 01672 811335
PCC Secretary	01672 870266 Millie Lemon
Pilates	07796 225942 Tracey Rich
Police emergency	999 or 112
Police non emergency	101 Jonathan Mills
Sunflowers at Grafton	01672 810478 Lyndsey Turner
Wiltshire Good Neighbours	07557 110418 Mary Soellner
Windmill Society	secretary@wiltonwindmill.co.uk
Yoga	01672 841553 Lizzy Hawnt
Zumba	01672 484464 Joanna Bury

Local commercial listing

B&B West Grafton	Angie Orsich	01672 810339
Baby sitting/odd jobs	Tom Nield	01672 870196
Builder	Sam Sanchez	07887 991249
Builder & roofing	Dan and Co	07936 586228
Business Support	Natalie Bullock	07711 373688
Cake making	www.faysfairycakes.co.uk	
Car washing	wiltonwashers@gmail.com	
Disco and Karaoke	Pete Vallis	01672 811326
Disco and Party	Steve	01672 811109
Dog training/walking	Carrie Holborow	07546 941709
Double glazing repairs	David Willcocks	01672 811979
Furniture	Holgate & Pack	01672 870887
Gardening	Sue Upham	01672 810526
Grafton Garage	Tony Gilbert	07845 006890
Hair and Beauty	Katherine Le Bon	07770 945307
Hat Hire	Victoria Frost	01672 810386
Kindling	Jo Harman	01672 810673
Logs/tree surgeon	Jeremy Hawkins	07980 536156
Painting & Decorating	Neil Anderson	01264 731362
Pest Control	Julie Wilson	01672 811479
Printing clothing/signs	www.SCSigns.co.uk	
Reflexology	Jacque Gibbons	07724 676569
Swan Inn	Bill Clemence	01672 870274
Usborne Books	Trish Highnett	07775 941646

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Wexcombe:	George Hosier	07786 332950

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Wilton windmill 2015 season starts soon!

Saturday 4 April is the first date when it will open for guided tours, refreshments and wholemeal, stone-ground flour. The windmill will be open every Sunday and Bank Holiday Monday until the 27 September. We hope to see you there – keep up to date with all the latest news on our Facebook page – www.facebook.com/wiltonwindmill and follow us on Twitter @wiltonwindmill

Pewsey Vale Tourism Event

The Pewsey Vale Tourism Partnership Business Event is on Friday 20 March from 5pm to 7pm at The Pewsey Heritage Centre. If you are a local business who has an interest in the visitor economy, then please come in and let the team know what you would like from the Partnership and make sure you are on the map. You can also bring marketing materials you might like to swap with other businesses at the event. No need to book, just drop in. If you can't make it, then please complete the survey at svy.mk/1B6ZimL. More information can be found at www.visitpewseyvale.co.uk and on Facebook and Twitter @visitpewseyvale or email info@visitpewseyvale.co.uk.

Just Play Football

Just Play is a national programme sponsored by Mars to encourage informal football matches for anyone over the age of 16. Whilst there are lots of Just Play schemes up and running already in Wiltshire, currently there is none in the Pewsey Community Area. PCAP has launched a survey to find out what you think about setting up the scheme for the Pewsey Community Area and where you'd like to see it happen - bit.ly/pewseyfootball – open until the end of March.

Second hand books for Bedwyn school

Thank you so much to everyone who donated children's books to the second hand sale at Great Bedwyn Primary School. The book sale was held to mark World Book Day and to encourage a love of reading. It was a great success with hundreds of books finding new homes and an amazing £443 was raised for the Great Bedwyn School Association.

Our Doctor writes will be on the graftonparish.com web site this month

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